

Because my husband and I serve as Emergency Radio Communications Specialists with RACES, we are deeply concerned that BPL will cripple our endeavors in case of emergency, whether man made or as a result of natural disaster. The HF bands between 2 and 80 MHZ that would become unusable are vital to our public service for alternate communications. Electrical lines have proved to be vulnerable during these times so it is imperative that a viable alternative be investigated in order to eliminate the need to jeopardize the HF bands for BPL. In addition to working with emergency coordinators, we also participate in DXing which facilitates international goodwill, an increasingly vital function in a volatile world.